



Fact Sheet March 2016

Impaired Driving in Michigan

- In 2014, 319 people died in Michigan as a result of alcohol- and/or drug-involved traffic crashes, a 9 percent increase from 2013. *Michigan State Police Criminal Justice Information Center (CJIC)*
- A five-year review of crash data indicates alcohol and drug use as well as lack of seat belts play a significant role in fatal and serious injury crashes in March and early April.
- Officers from more than 150 police departments, sheriff's offices and the Michigan State Police are participating in the *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* initiative, March 16-April 4, coordinated by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning and paid for with federal traffic safety funds.
- Michigan law considers persons with a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .08 or greater to be driving drunk.
- During last year's grant-funded enforcement effort, March 17-April 6, 2015, 538 drunk drivers were arrested. Of those arrested, 78 were charged under the state's high BAC law with a BAC of .17 or higher.
- In 2015, 2,182 people in Michigan were arrested for drunk driving during the NCAA tournament time (March 17-April 6, 2015). Of those, 672 were charged under the state's high BAC law. (CJIC)
- Michigan law enforcement agencies arrested 35,060 motorists for drunk and impaired driving in 2014. That's nearly 100 arrests per day. (CJIC)
- A first-time offender convicted of drunk driving faces:
 - Up to 93 days in jail.
 - Up to a \$500 fine.
 - Up to 360 hours of community service.
 - 6 points on a driver's license.
 - Up to 180 days with a suspended license; restricted possible after 30 days.

NOTE: 2015 data will be available later this spring.